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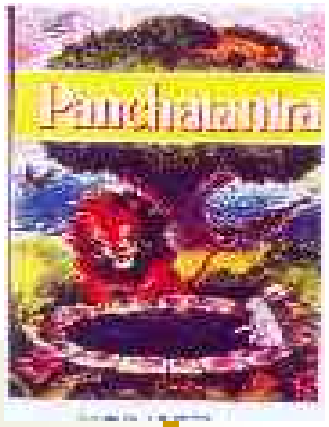

Lessons from Panchatantra

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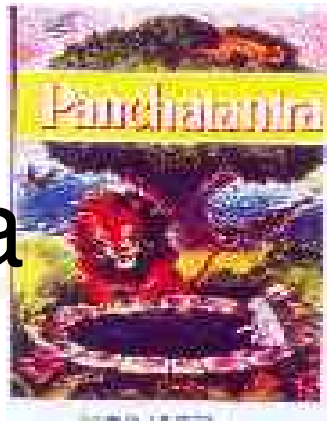
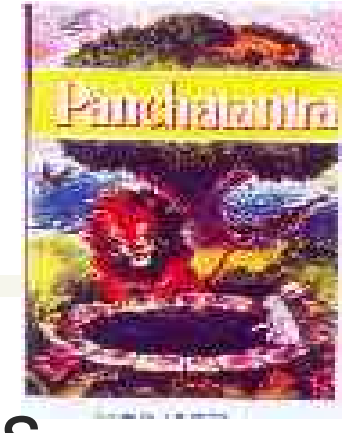
Introduction to Panchatantra



- Tantra: Loom, String, Formula, Strategy, Unified principles, Continuity.
- Significance Of Pancha (Five)
- Panchatantra- Oldest collection of Stories;
  - Background, Vishnu Sharma's choi9ce, His Lion's roar
  - The art of story telling to impart practical wisdom
  - Significance of Animal characters
  - Niti sasytra: How to succeed and enjoy happiness in this world of men with varying dispositions

About Panchatantra

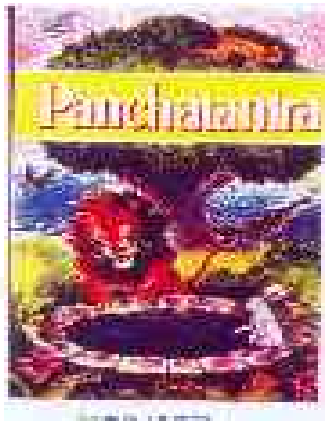


" A man who has studied this Nitishastra
or listened to its precepts
Will never be defeated
Not even by Indra*, the lord of the Heaven.“
-Vishnu Sharma

Panchatantra- Five strategies

- Conflict among friends
- Winning Friends
- Crows and Owls (War and Peace strategies)
- Forfeit of Profits;
- In- considerate action

A few examples with telling messages



1. Lion and Bull story; some lessons;
2. Monkey wedge story;
3. Crane and crab story;
4. Lion and Hare story
5. Indigo Jackal story'
6. Jackal drum story;
7. Five scholars giving life to a lion story;
8. Rat saving Pigeons story;
9. Monkey and crocodile story;

Final messages for successful and Happy life

- Need for physical security;
- Need for sufficient money;
- Need for trust worthy friendsf
- Importance of Action; NOT over dependence on LUCK.
  - Benefits from soft options and short-cuts will be short lived.
  - Planning and resolute action should go hand in hand.
  - Never postpone any action.

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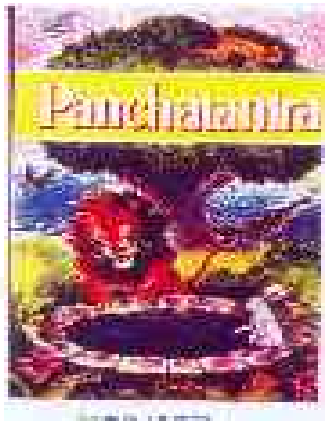

- Deploy acquired money properly and not hoard
- Do as much of virtuous deeds since life is short.
- Do not lose composure when calamity strikes
- Use appropriately your Hands, feet and brain.
- Never make derogatory remarks about anybody in assembly even if they true.

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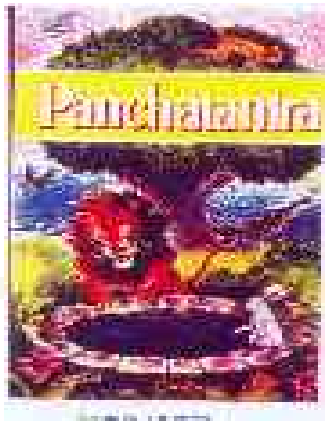

- Supremacy of intelligence;
  - Practical wisdom and common sense more important than scholarship
- The highest and noblest wealth for man is contentment; Tha happiness and peace of mind can come only to those who are contented.
- Every thing in this world becomes old with passage of time; the only thing that remains eternally YOUNG is HUMAN GREED

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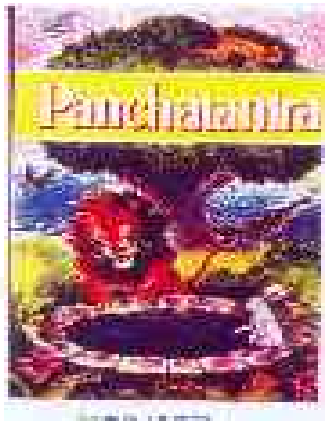

- There is almost nothing in this material world that does not require money for accomplishment. Therefore a wise man should make every effort to acquire wealth.
- Wealth attracts friends and relatives. It makes a person feel important and even wise.

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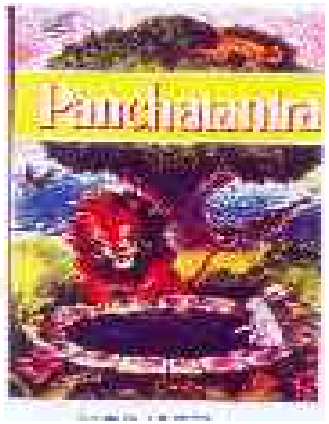

- The worldly wise know that there are things that can be told to some people but not to everyone. Then there are things that should be kept to oneself. Also there is a right or wrong time for saying things. One should say things only after giving careful consideration to all factors.

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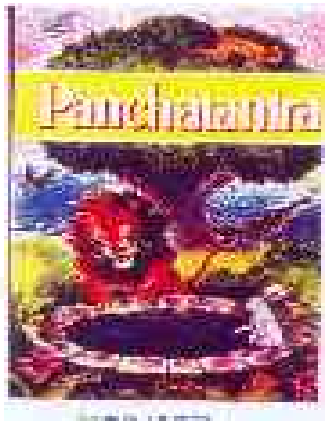

- One who does not feel distressed in the face of a calamity and does not show exuberance in prosperity is indeed a jewel in humanity.
- Intelligence can accomplish things more easily than army and weapons (i.e. physical power).
- The world keeps going only because the wily and wicked never get their wishes fulfilled and eventually fail in their sinister plans.

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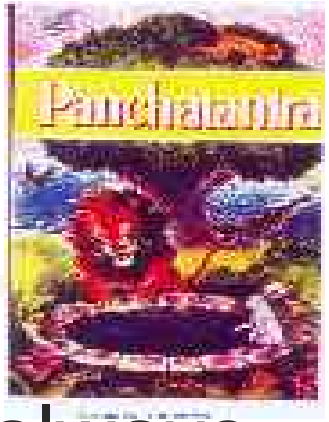

- A diligent and persistent man is always prosperous in this world. But a lazy and coward believing only in destiny never goes anywhere. Therefore one should forget destiny and actively pursue his dream. If he does not succeed, then he should try to find what went wrong and correct it.

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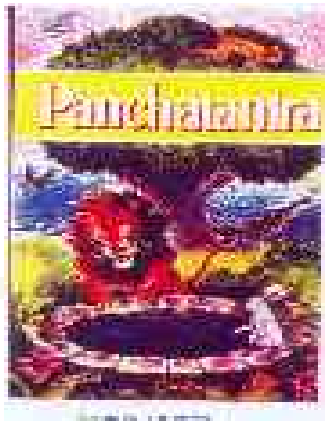

- Excellent, average, and low qualities appear in anyone or anything due to association with person or things of the corresponding type.
- One should never trust a person whose character, lineage, and strength are unknown.

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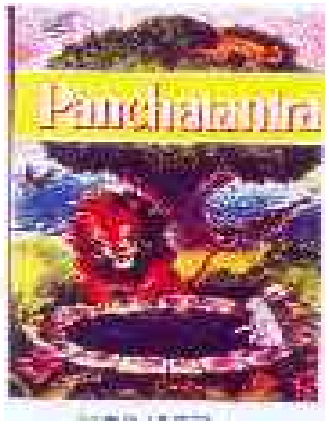

- Common folks are usually blind followers. They do not think for themselves.
- A person whose intellect does not get fogged even in the face of calamities can get past them unscathed using his intelligence.
- A bird can locate its food from great distances but is not able to see a trap even Close by.

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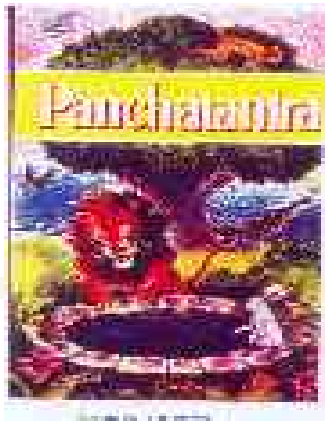

- Friendship between most men is based on favor and obligation. Friendship between fools is based on fear and greed. But friendship between gentlemen occurs just by seeing each other.
- Wealth makes one ever enthusiastic but also arrogant and vain. It also gives strength and a false sense of knowledge but they all vanish with the wealth.
- What is the worth of wealth that benefits only the owner and not other people?

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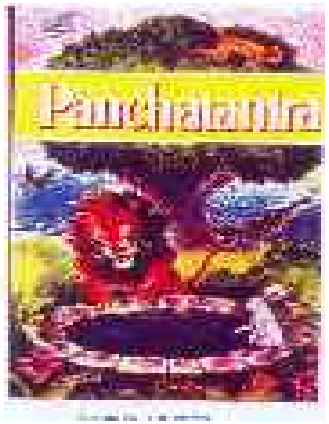

- If a person spends even a small fraction of the time and effort, which he spends in procuring the wealth in working towards his spiritual uplift, he can attain moksha.
- Wealth can have only three states – given in charity, spent in enjoyment, and loss. If it is not given in charity or enjoyed, it is lost.
- The highest and noblest wealth for man is contentment. True happiness can come only to those who are contented and have peace of mind

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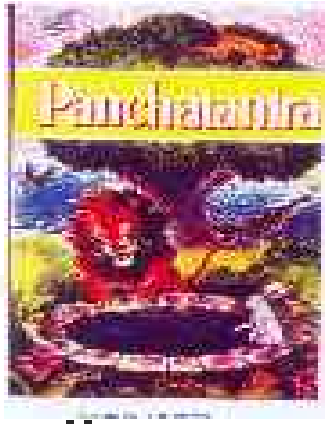

- Truly good men are like rubber balls; even if they fall they bounce back. A fool falls like mud and gets stuck to the ground.
- It is easy to find people who would always give pleasant advice. It is hard to find those who would give unpleasant but beneficial advice, still harder to find ones who would listen to that advice.

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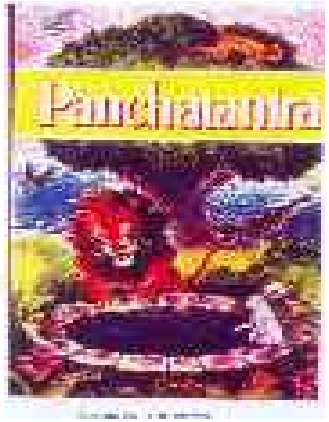

- The association with great men always leads to progress and prosperity. A water drop on a lotus leaf shines like a pearl.
- When learned men decide on the use of certain tenets of political ethics after group discussion and considerable thought, their efforts are always rewarded by success.

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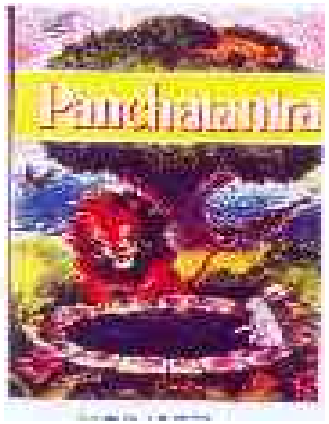

- A person without dharma is as insignificant and disgraceful as a moth and a mosquito. Practice of dharma is the only thing that distinguishes man from animals.
- Very briefly this is the essence of dharma: To do good to others is virtue, to harm others is vice. Practice it in daily life and do not do anything to others that you deem harmful to you. Cutting down trees and killing animals are all such acts.

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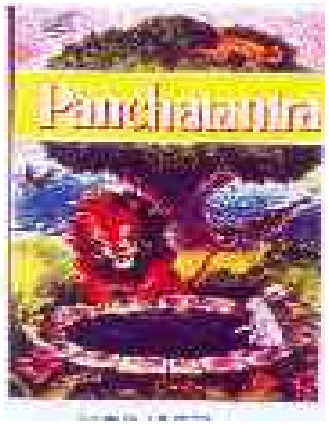

- The wound inflicted by weapons will eventually heal, but that created by words never heals. Therefore one should never use abusive and hateful words because they act like poison.
- A wise man should not publicly say disgraceful words to anyone or even truth that may hurt.
- To tell the truth is justice.

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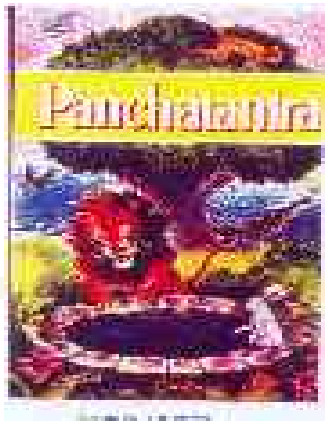

- First dictate of wisdom is not to initiate an action without considerable thought ;the second sign of wisdom is not to abandon an initiated action without taking itto a successful completion.
- An opportunity for one's progress should be availed of as soon as it appears. If it is missed, it may not come again.